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Childlessness rates for selected countries

Countries	Rate	Details
Ghana	2.6	All women of age 45—49, 1987
Kenya	2.5	Married women of age 40—44 with atleast five years marital duration, 1977-78
Mozambique	13.8	All women of age 45—49, 1987
Brazil	4.6	Married women of age 40—44. 1986
Canada	7.4	Ever married women of age 40—44, 1978
Egypt	12.9	Married women of age 45-49, 1980
Iran, Islamic Rep.	3.1	Evem married women of age 40—44, 1974
Bangladesh	2.7	Married women of age 45—49, 1976
Nepal	3.6	Married women of age 40—44, 1981
Sri Lanka	2.6	Married women of age 45-49, 1987

World Helath Organization (1991) Infertility: A tabulation of available data on Prevalence of primary and Secondary Infertility, WHO Geneva.

Suggestions to Control Population

74. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received suggestions in the year 2001 from Secretary, Orissa's Ex-MLA's Council to control population rise; and

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions and the steps taken, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For controlling population, the Secretary, Orissa's Ex-MLA's Council suggested that for couples having one or two children, incentives such as, guarantee of Government Service, bank loans at soft rates of interest for economic activities; government land at concessional rates and exemptions from Central and State taxes for three to five year's etc.

It was also suggested that couples having more than two children should not be eligible for employment in Government or private companies, bank loans or business contracts from Government or Government-owned corporations etc.

National Population Policy 2000, proposes to achieve population stabilisation through voluntary informed choices offered to the couples to limit their family size, by fulfilling unmet need for contraception, health care infrastructure, and trained health personnel.

Ten States/UTs have already achieved the replacement levels of fertility without using incentives or disincentives and another eleven States likely to achieve replacement levels soon.

Nevertheless, the National Population Policy 2000 privides for some promotional and motivational measures as rewards for achievement of family welfare and demographic indicators.

Polio cases

75. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's claim that there are no cases of polio in the country have proved false as polio case have come to the notice in the past few months, as reported in the Times of India, dated the 3rd September, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are wasting crores of rupees every year on polio eradication drive; and

(d) if so, the amount spent by Government on such drive during the past three years and the steps Government propose to take to eradicate this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Government has never claimed that there are no cases of polio in the country.

The national goal is to eradicate polio in the country and obtain international polio free certification by 2005. The annual strategies for